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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**50 CFR Part 622**

**[Docket No. 190925-0045]**

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**Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic;  
Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendments 50A-F**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS proposes to implement management measures described in Amendments 50A, 50B, 50C, 50D, 50E, and 50F to the Fishery Management Plan for Reef Fish Resources in the Gulf of Mexico (FMP), as prepared by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) (Amendments 50A-F). This proposed rule would delegate authority to Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Texas (Gulf states), to establish specific management measures for the harvest of red snapper in Federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) by the private angling component of the recreational sector. The purposes of this proposed rule and Amendments 50A-F are to increase fishing opportunities and economic benefits by allowing each Gulf state to establish specific management measures for the recreational

harvest of red snapper in Federal waters by private anglers landing in that state.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before [*insert date 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this proposed rule identified by "NOAA-NMFS-2017-0122" by either of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submission:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to [www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2017-0122](http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2017-0122), click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.
- *Mail:* Submit written comments to Lauren Waters, NMFS Southeast Regional Office, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

**Instructions:** Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in

the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

Electronic copies of Amendments 50A-F may be obtained from the website: *<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/amendment-50a-f-state-management-program-recreational-red-snapper>*.

Amendments 50A-F includes an environmental impact statement, fishery impact statement, regulatory impact review, and a Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) analysis.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS and the Council manage the Gulf reef fish fishery, which includes red snapper, under the FMP. The Council prepared the FMP and NMFS implements the FMP through regulations at 50 CFR part 622 under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

## **Background**

The red snapper stock annual catch limit (ACL) is divided into commercial (51 percent) and recreational (49 percent) sector allocations. In 2015, though Amendment 40 to the FMP, the recreational sector was separated into a private angling component and a Federal charter vessel and headboat (for-hire) component until 2022 (80 FR 22422, April 22, 2015). Within the recreational sector, the recreational ACL is allocated 57.7

percent to the private angling component and 42.3 percent to the for-hire component. Recreational harvest of red snapper in Gulf Federal waters is managed through a two-fish bag limit, a 16-inch (40.6 cm), total length (TL), minimum size limit, and fishing seasons for each component that begin on June 1 and close when the annual catch target (ACT) of the respective recreational component is projected to be reached. However, for the 2018 and 2019 fishing years, NMFS issued exempted fishing permits to each of the five Gulf states to allow each state to set the fishing season for private anglers landing in that state. The fishing season for the for-hire component continues to be set by NMFS. The Gulf red snapper stock is not undergoing overfishing, and is not overfished but continues to be managed under a rebuilding plan that ends in 2032.

From 1996 through 2014, the recreational fishing season for red snapper in Gulf Federal waters became progressively shorter, and increased catch rates and inconsistent (longer) Gulf state water recreational fishing seasons contributed to recreational harvest overages. Recreational fishermen throughout the Gulf have requested more flexibility from the Council and NMFS in recreational red snapper management to provide greater socio-economic benefits to their local areas.

In 2017, the Council began developing Amendments 50A-50F to establish state management programs for the harvest of red

snapper in the Gulf by the recreational sector. State management refers to allowing a state to set some regulations applicable to anglers landing red snapper in that state (e.g., recreational bag limits and season length), or in some circumstances applicable to anglers fishing for red snapper in Federal waters off that state (e.g., closed areas). Amendment 50A includes actions affecting all Gulf states and the overall Federal management of recreational red snapper, regardless of whether all Gulf states participate in a state management program. Amendments 50B-F are individual amendments for each Gulf state (Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Texas, respectively) and contain the Council's selection of preferred alternatives for each individual state management plan.

Management measures under a state's management program would have to achieve the same conservation goals as the current Federal management measures (e.g., constrain harvest to the state's allocated portion of the recreational ACL). Although under state management for measures controlling certain harvest activities, red snapper would remain a federally managed species. The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee would continue to recommend the acceptable biological catch for red snapper, while the Council would determine the total recreational sector, component, and state ACLs.

#### **Management Measures Contained in this Proposed Rule**

This proposed rule would delegate authority to each of the Gulf states to establish specific management measures applicable to private anglers in Gulf Federal waters who are landing red snapper in that state. This rule would also allow Texas, Alabama, and Florida to request that NMFS close areas of Federal waters to the harvest and possession of red snapper by private anglers, consistent with the analysis provided in Amendment 50A.

*Recreational Components Included in State Management Programs*

Currently, the Council and NMFS establish all management measures for both the Federal private angling and for-hire components in Gulf Federal waters. This proposed rule would delegate to each state the authority to establish specific management measures applicable to the private angling component only. The Council and NMFS would continue to specify all management measures applicable to the Federal for-hire component. The provision ending sector separation after the 2022 fishing year would be removed, and separate ACLs would continue to be set for each recreational component indefinitely.

NMFS notes that while Amendments 50A-F and this proposed rule apply to the recreational red snapper private angling component, a vessel with only state-issued for-hire permits, that fishes under a state's private angling component ACL, may not fish in Federal waters.

*Delegation*

Currently, each Gulf state decides when to open and close their respective state waters to fishing for reef fish. These state water recreational reef fish seasons may not be consistent with the fishing seasons in Federal waters. In state waters, the states establish other management measures, such as recreational bag limits and size limits, while the Council has the responsibility for reef fish management measures applicable in Federal waters. This proposed rule would delegate some management authority to a Gulf state to regulate recreational harvest of red snapper in Federal waters by private anglers landing in that state. Each state would be required to establish the private angling season structure for harvest of its assigned portion of the ACL, monitor landings, and prohibit further landings of red snapper when the state-specific component ACL is reached or projected to be reached. Each state would also be required to specify a bag limit and a minimum size limit within the range of 14 to 18 inches (35.6 cm to 45.7 cm), TL. In combination, these measures must be expected to maintain harvest levels within the state's ACL. A state could also establish a maximum size limit.

Unless an area of Federal waters is closed to the harvest and possession of red snapper, NMFS expects that enforcement would primarily be conducted in state waters and dockside. However, under the delegation, private anglers would be required

to comply with the fishing license or permit requirements of the state in which they intend to land the fish and may possess red snapper in Federal waters only if in compliance with that state's season, bag limit, and minimum size limit.

If NMFS determines that a state's red snapper private angling-component regulations are inconsistent with the FMP and the state fails to correct the inconsistency after notice and an opportunity to do so, or a state does not specify the required management measures, then NMFS would suspend that state's delegation and publish a notice in the **Federal Register** stating that the default management measures for the red snapper private angling component apply in Federal waters off that state. The default management measures are the current season (June 1 until the projected closure date), bag limit (2 fish per person per day), and minimum size limit (16 inches (40.6 cm), TL). The areas of Federal waters off Florida and off Texas are currently defined in 50 CFR 622.2. This proposed rule would add definitions of "off Alabama," "off Mississippi," and "off Louisiana," so that each Gulf state would have a defined Federal water boundary off that state.

#### *Allocation*

Currently, the red snapper private angling component ACL is managed as a single unit for all of the Gulf states. This proposed rule would apportion the private angling component ACL

to each state. The allocation would be based on the allocations requested by each state in its EFP application, which totaled 96.22 percent of the overall component ACL. The remaining 3.78 percent would be apportioned between Florida and Alabama, proportionally, based on their EFP allocation request.

Therefore, this proposed rule would establish the apportionment of the private angling ACL to each Gulf state as follows:

Alabama 26.298 percent (1,122,662 lb (509,231 kg)), round weight, Florida 44.822 percent (1,913,451 lb (867,927 kg)), round weight, Louisiana 19.120 percent (816,233 lb (370,237 kg)), round weight, Mississippi 3.550 percent (151,550 lb (68,742 kg)), round weight, and Texas 6.210 percent (265,105 lb (120,250 kg)), round weight.

If NMFS suspends one or more state's delegation, NMFS would project the private angling season in Federal waters off the applicable states based on the remaining aggregate portion of the ACL reduced by the established 20 percent buffer that is used to determine the Federal annual catch target. Anglers who fish in Federal waters off a state without an active delegation of authority would fish under the default Federal regulations (season, size limit, and bag limit) as described previously.

#### *Post-season ACL adjustments*

The proposed rule would establish post-season accountability measures (AM). An overage adjustment, or payback

provision, is an AM that reduces the following year's ACL by some specified amount, usually the amount the ACL was exceeded. The current recreational red snapper post-season AM applies when the stock is classified as overfished and an overage of the total recreational sector's ACL occurs. This AM requires NMFS to reduce the recreational sector ACL and ACT, and applicable component ACL and ACT, in the year following an overage of the total recreational ACL by the full amount of the overage, unless the best scientific information available determines that a greater, lesser, or no overage adjustment is necessary. This proposed rule would establish post-season ACL overage adjustments for states with an active delegation, regardless of stock status. If the landings of a state exceed that state's ACL, then in the following fishing year that state's ACL would be reduced by the amount of the ACL overage in the prior fishing year, unless the best scientific information available determines that a greater, lesser, or no overage adjustment is necessary. The total recreational ACL and the total private angling component ACL would also be reduced.

In Amendments 50B-F, the Council expressed its intent to allow for carryover of a state's unused portion of its ACL to the following fishing year if permitted under a separate amendment to the FMP that the Council was developing to add a carryover provision to the Acceptable Biological Catch Control

Rule. In June 2019, the Council postponed work on that amendment. Therefore, NMFS is not proposing to implement this provision at this time.

#### *Area closures*

This proposed rule would allow a Gulf state, consistent with the terms of an active delegation, to request that NMFS close all, or an area of, Federal waters to the harvest and possession of red snapper by private anglers. The state would request the closure by letter to NMFS, providing dates and geographic coordinates for the closure. If the request is within the scope of the analysis in Amendment 50A, NMFS would publish a notice in the **Federal Register** implementing the closure in Federal waters off that state for the fishing year.

Based on the analysis in Amendment 50A, Texas would be able to request a closure of all Federal waters off the state to allow a year-round fishing season in state waters and a limited season in Federal waters. Florida would be able to request a closure of Federal waters off the state seaward of the 20-fathom (36.6-m) depth contour, or seaward of the 35-fathom (64.0-m) depth contour, for the duration of Florida's open private angling component season. Alabama would be able to request a closure of Federal waters off their state seaward of the 20-fathom (36.6-m) depth contour, or seaward of the 35-fathom (64.0-m) depth contour, for the duration of Alabama's open

private angling component season. Florida and Alabama want the ability to close deeper waters to potentially extend their seasons by decreasing the average size of fish landed. These areas were chosen because an approximation for the 20-fathom depth contour is currently defined in 50 CFR 622.34(d) for the seasonal shallow-water grouper closure, and an approximation of the 35-fathom depth contour is partially defined in 50 CFR 622.35(b) for the seasonal eastern Gulf longline closure. The coordinates for any closure off Texas, Florida, or Alabama are provided in Appendix H of Amendment 50A and would be included in the **Federal Register** notice implementing the closure. Neither Louisiana nor Mississippi provided any potential closures to analyze in Amendment 50A and these states would not be able to request Federal waters closures through this process without further action by the Council.

#### **Classification**

Pursuant to section 304(b)(1)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the NMFS Assistant Administrator has determined that this proposed rule is consistent with the FMP, the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and other applicable laws, subject to further consideration after public comment.

This proposed rule has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act provides the statutory basis for

this proposed rule. No duplicative, overlapping, or conflicting Federal rules have been identified. A description of this proposed rule and its purpose and need are contained in the **SUMMARY** section of the preamble.

The Chief Counsel for Regulation of the Department of Commerce certified to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration (SBA) that this proposed rule, if adopted, would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The factual basis for this certification is as follows.

The rule concerns state management of recreational fishing for red snapper from private/leased vessels in the Gulf exclusive economic zone (EEZ). The only entities that would be directly affected by the rule are the Gulf states: Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. States are not small entities. Anglers (recreational fishers) who fish for red snapper in the Gulf EEZ would be indirectly affected; however, anglers are not considered small entities as that term is defined in 5 U.S.C. 601(6) and the RFA does not consider indirect impacts. For-hire fishing businesses with vessels that are permitted to take anglers into the Gulf EEZ to fish for red snapper would not be affected. Hence, this rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities and an initial regulatory flexibility analysis is not

required and none has been prepared.

**List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 622**

Fisheries, Fishing, Gulf, Recreational, Red snapper.

Dated: September 25, 2019.

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For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 622 is proposed to be amended as follows:

**PART 622--FISHERIES OF THE CARIBBEAN, GULF OF MEXICO, AND SOUTH ATLANTIC**

1. The authority citation for part 622 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

2. In § 622.1, paragraph (d), Table 1, add footnote 9 to the entry for "FMP for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico", to read as follows:

**§ 622.1 Purpose and scope.**

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(d) \* \* \*

**Table 1--FMPs Implemented Under Part 622**

FMP title	Responsible fishery management council(s)	Geographical area
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FMP for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico	GMFMC	Gulf <sup>1,3,4,7, 9</sup>
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<sup>9</sup> Certain provisions for the management of the private angling component of recreational red snapper in the Gulf EEZ have been delegated to the Gulf states, as specified in § 622.23.

3. In § 622.2, remove the combined definition of "Off Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama" and in alphabetical order, add specific definitions for "Off Alabama", "Off Louisiana" and "Off Mississippi" and to read as follows:

**§ 622.2 Definitions and acronyms.**

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*Off Alabama* means the waters in the Gulf west of a rhumb line at 87°31.1' W. long., which is a line directly south from the Alabama/Florida boundary, to a rhumb line at 88°23.1' W.

long., which is a line directly south from the Mississippi/Alabama boundary.

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*Off Louisiana* means the waters in the Gulf west of a rhumb line at 89°10.0' W. long., which is a line extending directly south from South Pass Light, to a rhumb line beginning at 29°32.1' N. lat., 93°47.7' W. long. and extending to 26°11.4' N. lat., 92°53.0' W. long., which line is an extension of the boundary between Louisiana and Texas.

*Off Mississippi* means the waters in the Gulf west of a rhumb line at 88°23.1' W. long., which is a line directly south from the Mississippi/Alabama boundary, to a rhumb line at 89°10.0' W. long., which is a line extending directly south from South Pass Light.

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4. In § 622.3, add paragraph (f) to read as follows:

**§ 622.3 Relation to other laws and regulations.**

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(f) *State management of the Gulf red snapper recreational sector private angling component.* Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas are delegated the authority to specify certain management measures related to the harvest and possession of red snapper by the private angling component in the Gulf EEZ. See § 622.23 for the Gulf recreational red snapper

management measures that have been delegated.

5. Section 622.23 is added to read as follows:

**§ 622.23 State management of the red snapper recreational sector private angling component in the Gulf EEZ.**

(a) *Delegation.* Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas (Gulf states) are delegated the authority to manage certain aspects of recreational red snapper harvest by the private angling component in the Gulf EEZ (*i.e.*, delegation). All other management measures for recreational red snapper in the Gulf EEZ not specified in this section continue to apply during state management.

(1) *Delegation of authority.* As described in the FMP for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico, each Gulf state must specify the red snapper private angling component fishing season start and end dates to maintain harvest levels within the state's ACL, as stated in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this section. Each state must also specify a recreational bag limit and a minimum size limit within the range of 14 to 18 inches (35.6 cm to 45.7 cm), total length. Each state may specify a maximum size limit. If NMFS determines that a state's red snapper private angling component regulations are inconsistent with the FMP and the state fails to correct the inconsistency after notice and an opportunity to do so, or a state does not specify the required management measures set forth above, *i.e.*, fishing season start

and end dates, a recreational bag limit, and a minimum size limit, then NMFS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** stating that the default management measures for the red snapper private angling component, as described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, apply in the EEZ off that state.

(i) *State management areas.* For purposes of the delegation of the authority to establish certain management measures for the red snapper private angling component, five areas in the Gulf EEZ have been established; one off each of the five Gulf states: Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. The boundaries off each state are described in § 622.2.

(ii) *State private angling component ACLs.* All ACLs specified below are in round weight.

(A) *Alabama regional management area*—1,122,662 lb (509,231 kg).

(B) *Florida regional management area*—1,913,451 lb (867,927 kg).

(C) *Louisiana regional management area*—816,233 lb (370,237 kg).

(D) *Mississippi regional management area*—151,550 lb (68,742 kg).

(E) *Texas regional management area*—265,105 lb (120,250 kg).

(2) *Default management measures.* If a state's delegation is suspended, the Federal management measures for the private

angling season, recreational bag limit, and minimum size limit as described in §§ 622.34(b) (seasonal closure), 622.37(a) (1) (size limit), 622.38(b) (3) (bag limit), and 622.41(q) (2) (i) (season length) apply in the EEZ off that state. All other management measures not specified in this section remain in effect.

(b) *Post-season ACL adjustments for states with an active delegation.* If a state's red snapper private angling component landings exceed the applicable state's component ACL specified in paragraph (a) (1) (ii) of this section, the AA will file a notification with the Office of the Federal Register, at or near the beginning of the following fishing year, reducing that state's private angling ACL by the amount of the ACL overage in the prior fishing year, unless the best scientific information available determines that a greater, lesser, or no overage adjustment is necessary.

(c) *Area closures.* As described in the FMP, for the red snapper private angling component, a state with an active delegation may request that NMFS establish an area closure in the EEZ off that state that prohibits the private angling component from harvesting or possessing red snapper. If NMFS determines that the request is within the scope of the analysis in the FMP, NMFS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** to implement the requested closure for the fishing year.

6. In § 622.34, revise paragraph (b) to read as follows:

**§ 622.34 Seasonal and area closures designed to protect Gulf reef fish.**

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(b) *Seasonal closure of the recreational sector for red snapper.* The recreational sector for red snapper in or from the Gulf EEZ is closed from January 1 through May 31, each year. During the closure, the bag and possession limit for red snapper in or from the Gulf EEZ is zero. See § 622.23(a)(1) regarding the fishing season for states with an active delegation of state management of the red snapper private angling component. A person subject to the private angling component bag limit under an active delegation of state management must be in compliance with the fishing license (permit) requirements of the state in which they intend to land the fish and may not possess red snapper in the Gulf EEZ when that state season is closed.

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7. In § 622.37, revise paragraph (a)(1) to read as follows:

**§ 622.37 Size limits.**

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(a) \* \* \*

(1) *Red snapper*--16 inches (40.6 cm), TL, for a fish taken by a person subject to the bag limit specified in §622.38 (b)(3) and 13 inches (33.0 cm), TL, for a fish taken by a person not

subject to the bag limit. See § 622.23(a)(1) regarding the minimum size limit for states with an active delegation of state management of the red snapper private angling component. A person subject to the private angling component bag limit under an active delegation of state management must be in compliance with the fishing license (permit) requirements of the state in which they intend to land the fish and may not possess red snapper in the Gulf EEZ that are smaller than may be possessed in that state. Additionally, fish taken by persons subject to the private angling component bag limit under state management may not be less than 14 inches (35.6 cm), TL, in the Gulf EEZ.

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8. In § 622.38, revise paragraph (b)(3) to read as follows:

**§ 622.38 Bag and possession limits.**

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(b) \* \* \*

(3) *Red snapper*--2. However, no red snapper may be retained by the captain or crew of a vessel operating as a charter vessel or headboat. The bag limit for such captain and crew is zero. See § 622.23 (a)(1) regarding the bag limit applicability for states with an active delegation of state management of the red snapper private angling component. A person subject to the private angling component bag limit under an active delegation of state management must be in compliance with the fishing

license (permit) requirements of the state in which they intend to land the fish and may not possess more red snapper in the Gulf EEZ than may be possessed in that state.

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9. In § 622.39, revise paragraphs (a)(2)(i)(B) and (C) to read as follows:

**§ 622.39 Quotas.**

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(a) \* \* \*

(2) \* \* \*

(i) \* \* \*

(B) *Federal charter vessel/headboat component quota.* The Federal charter vessel/headboat component quota applies to vessels that have been issued a valid Federal charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish any time during the fishing year. A person aboard a vessel that has been issued a charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish any time during the fishing year may not harvest or possess red snapper in or from the Gulf EEZ when the Federal charter vessel/headboat component is closed. The Federal charter vessel/headboat component quota is 3.130 million lb (1.420 million kg), round weight.

(C) *Private angling component quota.* The private angling component quota applies to vessels that fish under the bag limit

and have not been issued a Federal charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish any time during the fishing year. The private angling component quota is 4.269 million lb (1.936 million kg), round weight.

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10. In § 622.41, add a sentence to the end of paragraph (q) (2) (i) and revise paragraph (q) (2) (iii) to read as follows:

**§ 622.41 Annual catch limits (ACLs), annual catch targets (ACTs), and accountability measures (AMs).**

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(i) \* \* \* See § 622.23 (a) (1) regarding the fishing season for the private angling component for states with an active delegation.

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(iii) \* \* \*

(A) [Reserved]

(B) *Federal charter vessel/headboat component ACT.* The Federal charter vessel/headboat component ACT applies to vessels that have been issued a valid Federal charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish any time during the fishing year. A person aboard a vessel that has been issued a charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish any time during the

fishing year may not harvest or possess red snapper in or from the Gulf EEZ when the Federal charter vessel/headboat component is closed. For the 2019 fishing year, the component ACT is 2.848 million lb (1.292 million kg), round weight. For the 2020 and subsequent fishing years, the component ACT is 2.504 million lb (1.136 million lb), round weight.

(C) *Private angling component ACT.* The private angling component ACT applies to vessels that fish under the bag limit and have not been issued a Federal charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish any time during the fishing year. The component ACT is 3.415 million lb (1.549 million kg), round weight.

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